



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 07-64

August 1, 2007

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of: (1) a proposed renewable energy power supply program; and (2) two long-term contracts to purchase wind power and renewable energy certificates, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.

On July 24, 2007, NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval of a renewable energy supply power program for its basic/default ("basic") service customers, with accompanying tariffs, M.D.P.U. Nos. 111, 211, and 311, for effect January 1, 2008. In addition, the Company seeks approval, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A, of two long-term contracts to purchase wind power and associated renewable energy certificates ("RECs") for use within its basic service supply portfolio. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 07-64.

The proposed renewable energy program would allow basic service customers to voluntarily designate either 50 or 100 percent of their electricity supply needs to be met with the two long-term wind power contracts referenced above. Together, the two wind power contracts would provide a total of 60 megawatts of electricity supply and associated RECs at a fixed price over a contract term of ten years. Any remaining supply and/or RECs that are not used by renewable energy program customers would be used to offset the Company's total basic service supply requirements.

Customers choosing to participate in the renewable energy program would pay a rate based on the cost of resources under the long-term contracts, currently estimated to be higher than basic service rates by 1.75 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") under the 50 percent supply option or 3.0 cents per kWh under the 100 percent supply option. The monthly bill for an average basic service customer (*i.e.*, a customer using 500 kWh of electricity per month) participating in the renewable energy program would increase by approximately \$8.72 per month under the 50 percent supply option, or \$14.72 per month under the 100 percent supply option.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition at 2:00 p.m. on **Monday, August 20, 2007**, at the Department's offices, One South

Station, Boston, Massachusetts. The Department will hold a procedural conference immediately following the public hearing. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time of the public hearing or may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, August 20, 2007**. Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, August 16, 2007**.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1), a petition must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10 to be allowed.

One (1) original and four (4) copies of all comments or petitions to intervene should be delivered to Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 by the dates and times referenced above. One (1) copy of all comments also should be sent to legal counsel for NSTAR Electric, Robert Keegan, Keegan Werlin, LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-3113.

All written comments or petitions to intervene also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpufiling@state.ma.us and laura.bickel@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 07-64); (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. The Department is unable to accept scanned files (including scanned "pdf" files) at this time. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Company's filing is available for public viewing at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts during business hours. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's petition should contact Robert Keegan, legal counsel for NSTAR Electric, at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Laura Bickel, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities at (617) 305-3500.